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ANNUAL REPORT

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Medical Officer of Health

for the year 1963

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HORNSEA URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR 1963

To the Chairman and Members of the Hornsea Urban District Council.

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report on the Health Services of Hornsea Urban District for 1963.

STATISTICAL MEMORANDA

Area of the Urban District, including inland water	3292 acres
Population (estimated mid-1963)	5980
Number of inhabited houses	2279
Rateable value	£195,949
Sum represented by a penny rate	£775
Total number of births	80
Birth rate	16.32
Total number of deaths	84
Death rate	9.84
Deaths of infants under one year of age	1
Infant Mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	12.50
Number of illegitimate births	3
Still birth rate (per 1,000 total births)	36.14

WATER SUPPLY

Negotiations for the re-grouping of water undertakings continued during the year and from the 1st October, 1963, responsibility for the distribution of water in the town was transferred from this Council to the Hull Corporation Water Undertaking.

The quantity and quality of the water supplied has been adequate. Nine routine samples of water from a number of points in the area have been sent for bacteriological examination and the samples have proved to be of satisfactory quality. All the water mains in the town were flushed and sterilized.

As far as is known all houses except one can obtain water from a piped supply; water is supplied to the caravan camping sites in the district by means of stand pipes.

There are no swimming baths in operation in the district.

There is a paddling pool near the South Promenade which is provided with a small chlorination treatment plant for purifying the water.

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SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Sewage is discharged by gravity without treatment into the sea. The surcharging of certain sewers occurs when heavy rain coincides with high tides. During the past twelve months 220 feet of new sewers have been constructed by private developers to serve new housing sites. Following a report from the Consulting Engineer in September, 1960, on the repairs necessary to the existing sewer outfall, and subsequent reports on the sewerage system and the disposal of sewage from the Urban District, discussion has taken place with Ministry Officers on possible schemes which would be suitable for the town. Arrangements are in hand for the site tests necessary to enable the most suitable and economic scheme to be selected.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1961

Details of inspections carried out under the Factories Acts are shown on Page 11. of this report. There are no outworkers employed in the District. Further extensions have been constructed at the premises of the Hornsea Pottery Co. Ltd., who now employ a labour force of over 175 persons.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE

An outbreak of Diarrhoea occurred in the Primary School, which commenced during the latter part of the year and affected a substantial number of pupils and staff. The condition persisted for 24-48 hours, after which in most cases the symptoms cleared. Bacteriological sampling of stools gave negative results and it can therefore be assumed that this Diarrhoea was probably a virus infection.

I would like to express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee and all Officials for their co-operation and help during the year.

I am,
Your obedient servant,

WM. FERGUSON.

Medical Officer of Health

VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1963 AND THE THREE PREVIOUS YEARS

Year	Estimated Population	Live birth rate per 1,000 population	Still birth rate per 1,000 total births	Death rate per 1,000 population
1963	5,980	16.32	36.14	9.84
1962	5,880	18.04	0.00	11.84
1961	5,750	14.94	73.17	11.48
1960	5,760	13.4	13.0	16.3

		Males	Females	Total
LIVE BIRTHS	Legitimate	38	39	77
	Illegitimate	2	1	3
STILL BIRTHS		1	2	3
DEATHS		37	47	84
INFANT MORTALITY		1	-	1

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1963

Causes of Death	Males	Females	Total
1. Malignant neoplasm of stomach	-	1	1
2. Malignant neoplasm of lung or bronchus	2	-	2
3. Malignant neoplasm of breast	-	4	4
4. Malignant neoplasm of uterus	-	2	2
5. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	3	9	12
6. Leukaemia and aleukaemia	-	1	1
7. Diabetes	-	2	2
8. Vascular lesions of nervous system	4	9	13
9. Coronary disease	7	6	13
10. Hypertension with heart disease	1	-	1
11. Other heart diseases	5	4	9
12. Other circulatory diseases	4	3	7
13. Pneumonia	2	3	5
14. Bronchitis	2	-	2
15. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	1	1
16. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	-	1
17. Nephritis and nephrosis	2	-	2
18. Congenital malformations	1	-	1
19. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	1	1	2
20. Accidents	2	1	3
	37	47	84

AGE DISTRIBUTION OF DEATHS

Under 1 year of age	-	1
Between 1 and 5 years of age	-	-
Between 6 and 15 years of age	-	1
Between 16 and 25 years of age	-	-
Between 26 and 45 years of age	-	1
Between 46 and 65 years of age	-	13
66 years of age and over	-	68
TOTAL		84

INFECTIOUS DISEASE

During 1963 no cases of infectious disease were notified.

Attack rate of Measles, Whooping Cough, Scarlet Fever, and Influenzal Pneumonia (per 1,000 Home Population)

Disease	1960	1961	1962	1963
Measles	0.00	0.87	0.00	0.00
Whooping Cough	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Scarlet Fever	0.17	0.17	0.00	0.00
Influenzal Pneumonia	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

TUBERCULOSIS

The following table shows the additions to and removals from the register during the year:-

	Males		Females		
	Pul.	Non-Pul.	Pul.	Non-Pul.	TOTAL
No. of cases on register at 31st December, 1962.	8	-	13	-	21
Cases added to the register:-					
(a) Notified for the first time	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Brought to notice otherwise than by formal notification	-	-	2	-	2
Removed from register on account of death, change of address, etc.	-	-	-	-	-
No. of cases remaining on register at 31st December, 1963.	8	-	15	-	23

IMMUNISATIONS

During the year 1963, the number of children immunised was as follows:-

	0 - 5 years	5 - 15 years	Boosters
Diphtheria only	-	-	63
Diphtheria and Whooping Cough	-	-	-
Whooping Cough only	-	-	-
Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus	102	-	24
Tetanus only	3	16	2
Diphtheria and Tetanus	3	17	14

VACCINATIONS

The number of persons vaccinated or re-vaccinated was as follows:-

	Under 1	1 - 4	5 - 14	15 & over	Total
Number vaccinated	6	10	3	2	21
Number re-vaccinated	-	-	-	-	-

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE SERVICES

CHILD WELFARE CLINIC

A Child Welfare Clinic was held weekly at the Catholic Church Hall. The Clinic was well attended by mothers and children from the district.

The number of children who attended the Clinic and the total number of attendances made by them during the year were as follows:-

Number of children who attended during the year and those who were born in:-

1963	1962	1958-61	Attendances Total	Average per session
100	90	91	1,796	37

RELAXATION CLASSES

These classes were held weekly for expectant mothers in the District and 32 members made 173 attendances at 38 sessions.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

LABORATORY FACILITIES

Bacteriological and biological examinations of milk, water and ice-cream are carried out by the Public Health Laboratory Service, Hull.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES

The conveyance of all cases (including infectious disease) is the responsibility of the County Council as the Local Health Authority.

CLINICS

Tuberculosis - A chest clinic is held monthly at the Cottage Hospital, Hornsea.

Venereal Disease - A clinic is held daily at the Clinic, Mill Street, Hull.

RAINFALL

The total rainfall for the year was 25.87 inches compared with an average of 24.86 inches over the past ten years.

Rain fell on 204 days (177 days in 1962), June being the wettest month with 4.66 inches, and February the driest with 1.01 inch.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

The disposal of refuse, particularly during the summer months, continues to present difficulty owing to the limited capacity of the incinerator.

Following the detailed report prepared by the Surveyor and Public Health Inspector on the present and future requirements for refuse disposal, it was decided to seek a site within a reasonable distance of the town for use as a controlled refuse tip. The possibility of sharing or leasing a tip from neighbouring local authorities has been investigated and a site is being sought within the district. So far none of the enquiries made has met with success.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE AREA

	Inspections
Drainage Works	159
Dwelling-houses	120
Food Premises (including slaughterhouses)	698
Moveable Dwellings	21
Rodent Control	142
Water Supplies	32
Infectious Diseases	0
Paddling Pool	27
Public Conveniences	35

CAMPING SITES

Number of sites in the area used for camping purposes 11

Number of camping sites in respect of which licences have been issued by the Local Authority 9

Estimated number of campers resident in the area at one time during the summer months 2800

Estimated number of caravans, sheds, etc., which were used as permanent dwellings in the area 24

The question of the comprehensive re-development of the privately owned caravan sites has now been resolved. It will not be possible to require amalgamation of the small sites to enable a better layout and amenities to be provided. Some substandard dwellings on several sites have been moved, but a great deal of work remains to be done on some sites before they will be up to the standard recommended in the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960.

MEAT INSPECTION

Two slaughterhouses are in operation in the town. Almost all the meat from animals slaughtered at one of the slaughterhouses is for consumption outside the district, and inspections at these premises accounts for the major part of work carried out on meat inspection.

A charge is now made to the trade for meat inspection.

An additional Public Health Inspector commenced duties with the Council during the year. One of his main duties will be meat inspection.

The following is a summary of the inspection of the animals slaughtered for human consumption:-

	Cattle exc.Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
No. reported)					7,483
No. inspected)	187	3	11	1,058	7,292
All diseases except T.B. & Cysticercus Bovis.					
Whole carcasses condemned	3	-	-	-	8
Carcasses of which part or organ is condemned	26	1	-	33	859
T.B.					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which part or organ is condemned	-	-	-	-	344
Cysticercus Bovis	-	-	-	-	-

Total number inspected - 8,551

FOOD PREMISES

It has been found on inspection that a good standard has been maintained in the majority of food premises.

During the year the following inspections have been made:-

		No. in District	No. of Inspections
(1)	Bakehouses	7	7
	Butchers	8	53
	Cafes, Restaurants & Kiosks	35	41
	Fish Shops, Wet and Fried	5	25
	Grocers	23	52
	Licensed Premises	10	25
	Sweets	10	23
	Slaughterhouses	2	487

(2) No. of food premises registered under Section 16, Foods and Drugs Act, 1955.

The sale, or the manufacture for the purposes of sale, of ice-cream, or the storage of ice-cream intended for sale 41

The preparation or manufacture of sausages or potted, pickled, pressed or preserved food intended for sale 0

(3) No. of inspections of registered food premises 80

RODENT CONTROL

During the year, 27 premises have been treated for rats. Details of treatments and the visits made for this purpose are given below:-

	No. Treated	Visits Made
Council Premises (not including Council Houses).....	4	27
Dwelling-houses (including Council Houses).	21	105
Business Premises (not owned by the Council)	2	6

Rodent control treatment was carried out on the sewerage system during the year, and satisfactory results were obtained.

HOUSING

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)..... 40

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 84

(2) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for habitation..... 0

(3) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respect reasonably fit for human habitation 7

2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers ..10

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year

(a) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied 0

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-

(a) By owners 0

(b) By Local Authority in default of owners 0

(b) Proceedings under Sections 16,23 and 42 of the Housing Act, 1957.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made 0

(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders 0

(3) Number of dwelling-houses included in Clearance Areas 0

(4) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Clearance Area 0

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

1 - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of Inspections (3)	Written notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2, 3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.....	2	4	NIL	NIL
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.....	25	43	NIL	NIL
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	8	16	NIL	NIL
Total	35	63	NIL	NIL

2 - Cases in which DEFECTS were found

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found: Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	Referred By H.M. Inspector (5)	Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
Want of cleanliness(S.1)	None		None	None	None
Overcrowding (S.2)....	None		None	None	None
Unreasonable temperature(S.3)....	None		None	None	None
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)...	None		None	None	None

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(b) Unsuitable or Defective	1	1	Nil	1	Nil
(c) Not separate for sexes	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	2	2	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	3	3	Nil	1	Nil

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

(Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of Work	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of outworkers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing Apparel Making etc. Cleaning and washing	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

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